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SUBJECT: GREEK FONMIN COMMENTS ON ILICHEV VISIT

REF: ATHENS 6866

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL CALL SEPT 20, ON FONMIN MAVROS THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ATHENS VISIT OF SOVIET DEPUTY FONMIN ILICHEV ON SEPT. 15. MAVROS SAID THAT NO REPEAT NO NEW GROUND WAS COVERED AND THAT SOVIET DEPUTY FONMIN HAD EMPHASIZED FAMILIAR SOVIET THEMES ON CYPRUS ISSUE: A) NEED TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 353; B) OBSOLESCENCE OF LONDON/ZURICH ACCORDS AND TRIPARTITE GUARANTEES AS VEHICLE FOR RESOLVING CYPRUS PROBLEM; AND C) NECESSITY OF ADDRESSING CYPRUS IN BROADER CONTEXT THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY 18-NATION OR 21-NATION CONFERENCE OF KIND PROPOSED BY SOVIET UNION. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION ABOUT GREEK REACTION TO SOVIET PROPOSAL, MAVROS SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD ILICHEV THAT GREECE WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM IN "ANY"FORUM BUT HAD
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SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ABILITY OF LARGE CONFERENCE

BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP TO REACH SETTLEMENT.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
POLITICAL AFFAIRS JOHN TZOUNIS, WHO PARTICIPATED IN
MEETINGS WITH ILICHEV, COMMENTED THAT
VISIT WAS A WASTE OF TIME AND HE SUPPOSED HAD BEEN
BASICALLY UNDERTAKEN TO DRAMATIZE SOVIET "INTEREST"
IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND TO ADVANCE MOSCOW'S DESIRE TO
PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE CYPRUS DISPUTE.

3. ACCORDING TO MAVROS AND TZOUNIS, ILICHEV WILL BE
PASSING THROUGH ATHENS AGAIN TOMORROW (SEPT. 21) BUT
THEY EXPECTED NOTHING FURTHER TO DEVELOP AT THAT TIME.
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